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Subject: **Memorandum of Appreciation**

Dear Mr. Low:

I would like to express my appreciation for the effort you and the Nonactinide Isotope and Sealed Source Management Group (NISSMG) expended developing the Nuclear Material Management and Disposition Plan (October 2001) for the Heavy Isotope Facility (Building 251) at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The manner in which NISSMG collaborated with staff at LLNL to produce the plan very quickly after LLNL requested assistance last Spring is exemplary. Most notable is that the plan provides a realistic disposition paths for more than 95% of the Building 251 inventory and identifies reuse or recycle options for over two thirds of the items. The NISSMG report also provided valuable insights into cost-effective management of Building 251 materials by showing that accelerating disposition of materials from the Building 251 has the potential to save more than \$5M over the baseline plan.

The NISSMG materials management and disposition plan has been adopted by LLNL as the baseline for Building 251 materials and LLNL is now moving aggressively to disposition its Building 251 inventory. Your continued assistance and support on technical issues associated with implementation of this plan has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director

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